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SUBJECT: OIL EXPORT TAX

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EXTAFF MIN SHARP, AUGUST 2, I BROUGHT UP SUBJECT OF CANADIAN PETROLEUM TAXES MENTIONED IN OUR NOTE NO. 98 TO EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ON JUNE 3, 1974. I SAID OUR FEELINGS EXPRESSED AT THAT TIME TO EFFECT CANADIAN EXPORT TAX APPEARED LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO REVENUE MEASURE SEEMED NOW TO BE SUPPORTED BY EASING WORLD OIL PRICES AND AN EASIER SUPPLY POSITION. I RECALLED THAT WHEN DISCUSSING THIS DURING OUR EARLIER CONVERSATION, HE HAD EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT IF PRICES EASED CANADA WOULD FOLLOW THE TREND. HE AGREED THAT MY RECOLLECTION WAS CORRECT.

2. I INQUIRED WHETHER THIS SUBJECT HAS RECEIVED ADDITIONAL CABINET CONSIDERATION. HE REPLIED IN NEGATIVE. I SAID I WAS NOT MAKING CLAIM THAT PRICES HAD CHANGED, BUT A GREAT DEAL OF OIL FOR CANADA MOVES THROUGH PORTLAND, MAINE, AND AS THE CANADIANS MUST PAY THE BILLS, THEY SHOULD BE IN A POSTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY ARE COLLECTING MORE TAXES THAN THEIR PRICE EQUALIZATION POLICY REQUIRES. WOULD HE RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE CABINET, I INQUIRED. SHARP INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO DO SO. UNLESS DEPT ALTERS ITS INTRUCTIONS TO ME, I WILL CONTINUE TO MENTION THIS

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